

(What happened that day you ran out of class?)

They didn't do nothing to me, they punished that other guy. Boy, they really punished him, they clip his hair, punishment he got.

(What kinds of clothes did you wear at boarding schools?)

Well, government furnish the clothes. Different, blue jeans, blue shirt, government shoes..bull hide, yea, they furnish them. All the government schools I went like up here, this mission. See the government furnish them clothes for us.

And they issue to us, and down at Rainy Mountain, same way. Only school I didn't go to was Riverside.

(Did you like the government schools or the public schools better?)

Well, I like the public schools better than the boarding schools. Boy they work the life out of you at the government schools. When I first went to Rainy Mountain Indian School they put you a certain kind of work. They got a dairy barn, I didn't know how to milk too. Shoot, I had to milk two cows. I think there was twelve of us boys. In the morning. Gaah, it was cold too. We didn't have no fire in that dairy barn, you know. Cold in the morning. We get up at four o'clock in the morning..winter time. I was about fourteen, fifteen years old then. We got there yea, they got twelve of us boys they put us in things like there, and on farm. See, I know about that before I went to that school. I know all about farming. They put me out there, on that farm. Get out there and work. Wheat ground, you know, it'd be all plowed up, all you had to do was harrow it down before they put the wheat. They put me out there, but in the morning in the winter time when we was getting up, it was cold. We didn't have no kind of heat down there in the dairy barn. Sit around down there and it was cold. We go to milking till them cows started breathing that heat, you know, kind of warm things up by the time you get through. Pretty cold, our hands, our hands, you know, but them bags, they warm. Put our hands over them bags.

(What did they teach you at Rainy Mountain school?)

They teach us..books. Like any other school.

(Did they, you ever get taught about farming in any of those schools?)